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SUBJECT: JAPANESE COMMUNICATIONS LOAN TO ZAMBIA

REF: STATE 59367

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ZAMBIA BROADCASTING SERVICES SOURCE THAT, DUE DISPLEASURE OF GRZ OVER JAPANESE HANDLING OF TELEVISION PROJECT (REF LUSAKA 2024, NOV 7, 1973), CONTRACT FOR EQUIPMENT ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL GO TO NON-JAPANESE FIRM. SAME SOURCE INDICATED TENDERING WOULD BE BY INVITATION ONLY AND ASKED THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE LIST OF THREE OR FOUR U.S. FIRMS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED. WE HAVE REQUESTED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT TO SUBMIT TO USDOC.

2. PROJECTED JAPANESE LOAN WAS NOWHERE NEAR \$80 MILLION. ORIGINAL PROJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY \$11 MILLION AND WAS TO COME FROM \$29.4 MILLION CONCESSIONARY LOAN REPORTED IN LUSAKA 1215 OF 8/31/72. ZBS SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY GRZ NOW HOPING TO GET PROJECT FOR \$13 MILLION, BUT IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION IT MORE LIKELY COST ABOUT \$23 MILLION.

3. WILL CONTINUE SEEK MORE INFORMATION FROM ZBS. IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE LIST OF COMPANIES FOR ZBS CONSIDERATION FOR TENDER INVITATIONS.

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